its economic development then the first mentioned country will grant credit of the tax that would have been payable if the other country would not have exempted the income.

The agreement provides for exchange of information between the two countries for the prevention of fraud or evasion of income tax.

Settlement of Insurance Claims

3728. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many complaints relating to the settlement of claims on percentage basis of the settled amount payable by the claimants to the surveyors and officials of each of the subsidiaries of the General Insurance Company were received during each of the last three years and each by the vigilance Department of Insurance Companies, Insurance Division, Central Vigilance Commission and CBI.

(b) what are the details of each of the complaints;

(c) what specific action was taken against each of the complaints; and

(d) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to check corruption in the settlement of insurance claims and to ensure speedy disposal of insurance claims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Criminal cases filed by Income Tax Department

3729. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2656 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th December, 1993 and state:

(a) whether Income Tax Department has filed any fresh criminal cases against Ramesh Kumar Agarwal, an accused and his firm Ramavtar Ramesh Kumar, Bansal Textile Mill and his associates Shivbhagwan Agarwal and Sushila Devi Agarwal during the last five years; if so, yearwise details of such cases, and present position of these cases, case-wise;

(b) whether said Ramesh Kumar Agarwal has been filing income tax returns regularly during the last five years; if so, year-wise income tax returned to him in these years and dates of filing them; and

(c) whether assessment of returns as above has since been completed; if so, dates of assessment orders, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Postponement of Top Level Appointments in Banks

3730. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Economic Times dated the 23rd October, 1993 to the effect that postponement of top level appointments in banks and financial institutions is responsible for slow implementation of new economic policy;

(b) if so, what are the total appointments of these financial institutions and banks which have been pending;

(c) what are the main reasons for the same; and

(d) by when these appointments are likely to be made to improve the economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Economic Times dated 23rd October, 1993 regarding top appointments in banks.

(b) and (c) The post of Chairman and Managing Director is vacant in two nationalised banks and one financial institution viz. Andhra Bank, Indian Overseas Bank and National Housing Bank.

(d) Government have already initiated steps for filling up these vacancies.